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*"HOME OF ARMY MEDICINE"*

## Out with the old



Photo by Shelly Murphy

Construction workers remove the demolished bridge as they began the process to reconstruct Walters Bridge last weekend. Once complete, the new bridge will be 101 feet wide and will feature a bike lane and sidewalk for pedestrians. The Texas Department of Transportation urges drivers to use caution in the area during construction. For up-to-date road closures and an overview of the project, see Page 3.

## Ceremonies honor Purple Heart recipients

By Jen Rodriguez  
Brooke Army Medical Center

No two Purple Heart ceremonies are ever the same at Brooke Army Medical Center. Each one is designed with the Warriors in Transition in mind.

The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the armed forces of the United States who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy.

When Staff Sgt. Robert Henline held his Purple Heart ceremony March 20, his Family's participation was important to him. He took the liberty of introducing each Family member on stage to a collective audience of medical staff, friends and fellow comrades.

"Through all of this my Family has become stronger and closer," said Henline who was injured April 7, 2007, from a roadside bomb in Iraq.

Assigned to D Company, 82nd Combat Support

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## Fort Sam Houston Fiesta & Fireworks April 20

The public is invited to Fort Sam Houston Fiesta & Fireworks April 20 from 1 to 9 p.m. Fiesta at Fort Sam begins with a Country Fair that features military equipment displays, various exhibits, live entertainment, free T-shirts while they last, kiddie activities, carnival rides, games, food and drink booths, and continuous entertainment. Adding pageantry and elegance to the military parade will be the Army Drill Team, the Continental Color

Guard, and the Old Guard Fife & Drum Corps. The public can enter Fort Sam Houston at the Walters Street or Binz-Engleman gates from Interstate Highway 35, or the Harry Wurzbach gate. No pets or coolers are allowed.

### On stage

12:45 to 1 p.m. - U.S. Air Force Drill Team

1 to 1:15 p.m. - U.S. Air Force

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Photo by Esther Garcia

The Army Medical Command "Latino" Band and members of the Kazamba Dance Group perform for wounded warriors at Sunset Station Saturday. Both groups are scheduled to perform at the Fort Sam Houston Fiesta & Fireworks April 20. Live entertainment will begin at 12:45 p.m.

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# Yellow Cab has green light for service

Story and photo by Cheryl Harrison  
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

With the war on terrorism a part of everyone's daily lives, security at the entry gates was upgraded and every vehicle that enters the post must go through enhanced security checks. The focus on security affected not only Soldiers and employees stationed or employed on Fort Sam, but to those people that provide a service, in other words, taxi service.

About two years ago, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service petitioned for a contract taxi service. Every company within the San Antonio area was contacted and offered the opportunity to bid on the contract.

Meetings with the Installation Physical Security Working Group, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, and AAFES raised discussion about security improvements. Due to challenges with taxi-

cabs entering the installation, step one was to develop a contract for one taxi company to provide a service for folks on Fort Sam Houston.

The contract states that the cab service that received the bid would provide the service to Fort Sam Houston, to stage within the stops already established, follow rules and regulations on post, and agree to provide AAFES a percentage of the fares received.

Graciela Tunon, services business manager, South Texas Exchange, AAFES said, "We contacted every taxi company in San Antonio. We try to reach every possible source for a bid. The contract must state they will stage at the areas already established on post."

The taxi service contract was awarded to the Great San Antonio Transportation



Pvt. Timothy Garrett climbs into a Yellow Cab at the mini-mall area, Building 1387 on the corner of Hardee and Williams Road. Garrett said, "I use the taxi service about once a week and the price isn't too bad, especially when my buddies and I split the fares. I have had good experiences with the taxicabs." George Alva, contract driver, waits as Garrett gets seated in cab #1, a minivan, which is easily identified by the yellow paint, a color formulated only for Yellow Cabs.

Company, or Yellow Cab, with a commencement date of Feb. 1, 2008, for a period of five years.

The installation set up a sign at each staging area to identify the authorized taxi company, phone number and

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# Walters Street construction under way

*New bridge to replicate features of Fort Sam*



Courtesy rendering for the Walters Street Bridge replicates historic features unique to Fort Sam Houston such as watchtowers into a functional and cost-effective bridge.

The Texas Department of Transportation and Dan Williams Construction have begun work to replace the Walters Street Bridge, adding turnarounds and reconstructing and widening frontage road and main lanes from New Braunfels Avenue to AT&T Parkway. The project began in March.

The existing bridge is about 64 feet wide. The proposed bridge at Walters Street will be 101 feet wide and will include 5 feet of bike lanes; sidewalks will also be included.

According to Eddie Reyes, a TxDOT project engineer, "Upon completion, the bridge improvements will enhance safety for pedestrians and motorists and the bridge design will be rich in architectural detail and visually pleasing for the community in that area, the City of San Antonio and the traveling public."

According to plans, there will be no ramp changes on the northbound portion of Interstate Highway 35. On southbound 35, the two ramps just south of AT&T Parkway will be recon-

structed in the same configuration. all caution signs during the construction process.

The two ramps just south of Walters Bridge will be reconstructed and reversed to allow for better traffic flow. Walters Street will be widened just past frontage roads. As with any construction project, TxDOT cautions motorists to drive carefully and obey

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## TxDOT schedules closures on IH-35 at Walters

**SAN ANTONIO** – The Texas Department of Transportation has scheduled closures on Interstate Highway 35 between AT&T Parkway and New Braunfels Avenue this weekend.

Crews will close alternating lanes on southbound IH-35 from AT&T Parkway to New Braunfels Avenue from 8 p.m. Friday through 5 a.m. Monday. In addition, crews will close the following ramps:

- Entrance ramp from AT&T parkway
- Exit ramp to Walters Street
- Entrance ramp from Walters Street
- Exit ramp to New Braunfels Avenue

These closures will allow crews to place work zone pavement markings on the roadway. While TxDOT is not completely closing the IH-35 main lanes, motorists are reminded to anticipate delays on IH-35 throughout the weekend.

On Tuesday and Wednesday nights, crews will close the two right lanes on southbound IH-35 from AT&T Parkway to New Braunfels Avenue from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. The exit to New Braunfels Avenue will also be closed. This closure will allow the contractor to install the temporary concrete barriers on the roadway.

TxDOT advises motorists to drive with caution through this work zone. For more information, call Darla Laughter at 615-5932 or Maggie Rios at 615-5836.

(Source: TxDOT)

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### Construction impacts pedestrians

Joggers and hikers should avoid the recently paved haul road that runs just outside the Brooke Army Medical Center perimeter fence due to increased traffic by construction crews and equipment. The road runs along the west and north sides of the BAMC campus and connects Binz-Engleman Road and Petroleum Drive.

### Mock-billing meeting

Lincoln Military Housing will host a resident Mock Billing Townhall Meeting for the Wheaton Graham, Artillery Post and Infantry Post Villages today from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Harris Heights Community Center located on Patch Road. Refreshments will be served.

### MEDCOM luncheon

The Army Medical Command will recognize the MEDCOM 2008 NCO and Soldier of the Year at a luncheon Friday at 12:30 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club. Tickets are available. For more information, call 221-6710.

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## BRAC update

# Corps awards contracts for instructional facilities

**FORT WORTH, Texas** – Nuclear medicine technologists are among the medical personnel that will be trained in facilities to be built on Fort Sam Houston as a result of several contracts that have been awarded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District.

The contracts include an award of \$89.9 million to build two Medical Instructional Facility buildings where radiology, pharmacy, biomedical equipment and dental technicians will be taught, along with nuclear medicine technologists. The contract to construct these facilities was awarded to URS Corporation, which operates a field office in San Antonio and is headquartered in San Francisco.

The MIF buildings are components of the Medical Education and Training Campus that is being built on Fort Sam Houston as the location where the enlisted medical training programs of all

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branches of the U.S. military will ultimately be consolidated. The MIF buildings are part of the 1.2 million square feet of instructional and laboratory space that is planned for the METC complex. With an average daily student enrollment of more than 9,000, METC will be one of the largest medical education and training institutions in the world.

Other contracts awarded by the Corps of Engineers will enhance additional elements of METC. General Dynamics Information Technology of Fairfax, Va., received a \$6.2 million contract to build a 1,200-square-foot voice and data communications substa-

tion. Another contract from the Corps went to TEPA EC, LLC for construction of the METC headquarters administration building. The \$5.9 million award provides a 20,000-square-foot office facility for Navy and Air Force management support personnel. TEPA EC has a regional office in San Antonio and is based in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Beyond these contract awards, other portions of the METC complex are already moving toward preliminary construction to include two, 1,200-person dorms and a 4,800-person dining

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Shred Day

San Antonio Federal Credit Union and community partners will sponsor a Shred Day April 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston branch of SACU, located at 2750 Stanley Road. The public is invited to bring up to 100 pounds per vehicle of sensitive documents for destruction. A truck from a commercial shredding company will destroy the documents on site free of charge. See Page 22 for more information.

Days of Remembrance

The 2008 Days of Remembrance Victims of the Holocaust observance will be held May 2 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797 on Stanley Road. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Gus Cunningham at 221-6326.

Preventive health screening

Women 40 and older need to have an annual mammogram. Regular mammograms save lives by finding breast cancer early. Brooke Army Medical Center has a new self-referral system for this valuable screening tool. Beneficiaries may self-refer to the Woman's Imaging Center if they meet the following criteria: they are not experiencing any symptoms of the breast and their primary care manager is within the Great Plains Regional Medical Command. To schedule a mammogram, call 916-3726 or 916-4229.

Correction

In the article "Academy showcases graduate programs at open house," which appeared in the April 3 issue of the News Leader, the Col. Mary Lipscomb Hamrick Research Course is incorrectly listed as a veterinary course. It is an Army Medical Specialist Corps course.

Month of the Military Child

Army offers array of videos, programs to help military Families

By Harry Noyes  
U.S. Army Medical Command

April is the Month of the Military Child, but it would be an error to conclude that the Army waits until April to focus attention on its children and adolescents.

Children, adolescents and the Family are year-round concerns for an all-volunteer force that is mostly married. Over half of Army Soldiers (about 51.5 percent) are married and nearly half (47.1 percent) have children. The impact of deployment and war on these children looms large in the morale of their military parents, with implications for performance and safety in the war zone and for career retention when they return home.

Army leaders, themselves mostly married and with children, clearly recognize this and consider it both a moral and a professional duty to provide a support system for Army children.

In the Army Medical Department, the emphasis has been on proactively addressing the intense emotional stress that war and deployment create. While the nature of the impact varies with age, all military children are impacted in some way. Army pediatricians and behavioral-health experts have developed an array of programs and tools specifically designed in a developmentally appropriate way to address these emotional issues. The project is called the "Military Youth Deployment Support Video Program."

But Army medical personnel cannot do it alone. Many Army children are cared for by civilian pediatricians under the TRICARE military health-insurance program, especially when Families of deployed Soldiers return to the spouses' hometowns for extended-family support. Also, much of the pain these children feel emerges in the school setting.

So the AMEDD, with help from the American Academy of Pediatricians, is focusing a lot of effort on getting the word out to civilian pediatricians and other

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health-care providers who care for children as well as school-system professionals. The message is twofold: be alert for indications of emotional pain in the military children they are treating or who are in their classes, and be aware of the programs and self-help tools available to military Families – in essence, recognize and respond.

The program is "on the cutting edge of emotional and behavioral science with these developmentally appropriate, psycho-educational, resiliency-based, preventative deployment-support resources," says Maj. Keith Lemmon, an adolescent medicine specialist and pediatrician at Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis, Wash. Lemmon is the vice president of the Uniformed Services West Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, an assistant professor of pediatrics at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, and a leader in the development of these resources.

"These products and the follow-on concepts we are working on are directly in line with the Battlemind training concepts the rest of the Army is doing for Soldiers," Lemmon notes.

"Battlemind" is a package of training sessions that teach troops and Families what to expect before Soldiers leave for war and what common problems to look for when readjusting to home life after deployment.

The youth program includes two Army-made videos for adolescents and school-aged children that can be conveniently viewed/downloaded at the American Academy of Pediatrics

Deployment Support Web site, <http://www.aap.org/sections/uniformed-services/deployment/videos.html>. They will also be available for ordering in DVD format through Military One Source at 1-800-342-9647 or <http://www.militaryonesource.com/skins/MOS/home.aspx>. Those videos are:

- "Military Youth Coping With Separation: When Family Members Deploy" - A half-hour video of teenagers discussing their feelings and how they cope with issues that arise when a parent is deployed. The video is narrated by Cameron, a teen who experienced family deployment and takes the audience through multiple interviews with older children and teens who have also experienced separation during deployment. The interviews are candid and capture the true feelings and coping strategies of military youth. The video accentuates the inherent resiliency of military children and thanks them for their personal service and sacrifice to the nation. Also on the AAP Web site and in the video packaging is an Interactive Military Youth Stress Management Plan that can help an older child or adolescent understand deployment-related and other types of stress and develop a personal plan to cope with it.

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ing various stages of deployment. The video features the voices of real military children, parents and youth-serving pro-

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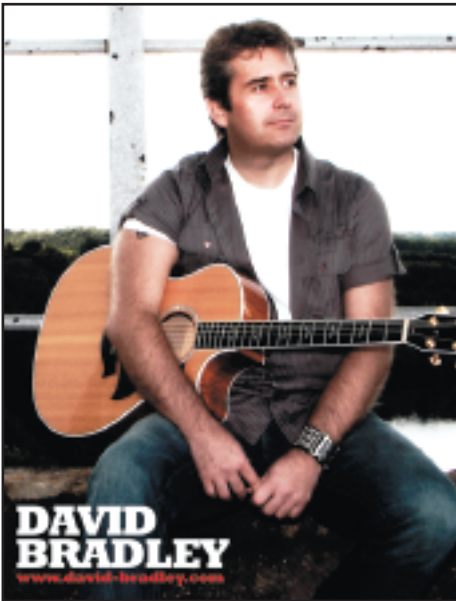


Photo by Esther Garcia

The 82nd Airborne Division's "All-American Chorus," composed of division troopers representing every unit within the division, perform songs and ballads reflecting the airborne tradition at the Fort Sam Houston Fiesta military ceremony last year.

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Military Academy Falcon demonstration  
2 to 2:30 p.m. - Karavan Studios Belly Dancers  
2:30 to 3 p.m. - Kazamba Dance and Drum Group  
3 to 3:30 p.m. - Ballet Folkloric Del Cielo  
3:30 to 4 p.m. - 82nd Airborne Chorus  
4 to 4:30 p.m. - Las Errendiras, female mariachi group



Courtesy photo

**Military ceremony at MacArthur Field**  
More than 300 Soldiers in parade.

4:30 to 5 p.m. - Holmes County High School Band, Bonifay, Fla.  
5 to 5:30 p.m. - U. S. Army Drill Team from Washington  
5:30 to 5:50 p.m. - Fife & Drum Corps performance and Retreat  
6 to 6:45 p.m. - Fiesta Royalty awards, Fiesta Salute, Soldiers on Parade  
6:45 to 7:15 p.m. - Escaramuza Rosas de Castilla, an equestrienne drill team  
**Back on stage**  
6:45 to 7:40 p.m. - David Bradley, country artist from Nashville, Tenn.  
8 to 9 p.m. - Fiesta Concert by the Alamo City Community Marching Band and the U.S. Army Medical Command Band  
9 p.m. - Fireworks finale! Sponsored by Steves & Son



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Fiesta military ambassadors recognized



Photo by Esther Garcia

2008 El Rey Feo, or the Ugly King, Fernando Reyes, congratulates the military ambassadors at the Military Ambassador Reception hosted by the Military-Civilian Club at the Southwest Arts and Craft Center, the former Ursaline Academy. The military ambassadors will represent their respective service or installation during Fiesta attending more than 60 events throughout San Antonio.

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**PURPLE HEART from P1**

Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, Henline sustained 38 percent burns to his body and was the only survivor of his team.

His uncle Keith Harvey, who was unable to attend the ceremony, sent a CD of himself singing "I'm Proud to be an American" on guitar, and a friend, Jimmy Ayala, also sang a tribute to Henline making it a one-of-a-kind tribute.

"There's no greater honor than to be entrusted with Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines and their Family during the healing process," said Brig. Gen. James Gilman, commander, Great Plains Regional Medical Center and BAMC.

Though it's customary for Gilman to present the Purple Heart decoration, Henline's comrade Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Abbott, 5th Special Forces of Fort Campbell, Ky., did the honors.

March 22 was a special day for 1st Lt. Sean Thomas, who not only received a Purple Heart, but was also promoted to captain. His ceremony was held behind Fisher House number three.

Assigned to the Armor Cavalry, C/1-22 Infantry Bn., Thomas was injured Jan. 26, 2006, while leading a foot patrol along a route trailblazer when a roadside improvised explosive device detonated resulting in shrapnel

wounds to the Soldier's legs and right arm and other combat injuries.

The Purple Heart ceremonies concluded March 25 in the BAMC auditorium on the fourth floor with nine honorees.

Guest presenters were Brig. Gen. Manuel Ortiz, brigade commander of the 72nd Brigade Combat Team, 36th Infantry Division in Houston, and Brig. Gen. Jeffery Buchanan of Army North G3. Gilman hosted the event.

The honorees were:

**Sgt. 1st Class Jason Hunt**, a signal intelligence NCO assigned to 2-1 Cavalry, 4/2 ID, 1st Armored Div., was injured Feb. 12. While on a routine patrol in Iraq, Hunt's team was attacked by an enemy small arms fire resulting in his combat injuries.

**Sgt. 1st Class Shawn Nevius**, an infantryman assigned to National Police Transition Team, Div. Special Troops Bn., 4th ID, was injured Jan. 27 in Iraq. Nevius was escorting an Iraqi general to a meeting in a convoy when an IED detonated resulting in bone fractures to his right hand.

**Staff Sgt. Nardi Carrion**, a transportation NCO also assigned to



Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Special Troops Bn., was injured Feb. 5, while conducting a convoy security operation in Iraq.

"We were providing security for a supply convoy when the two trucks in front of me fell behind the rest of the convoy," explained Carrion. "I contacted them on the radio. When all of a sudden out of the crowd of local nationals, three individuals approached my truck and threw grenades."

Carrion's vehicle was destroyed, and resulted in a fracture of his right femur and other combat injuries.

**Staff Sgt. Jason Eichelman**, military police infantryman, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 1st Special Troops Battalion, 1st BCT, 101st Airborne Div., was injured Jan. 6. While performing a daytime personal security detail mission in Iraq, Eichelman's vehicle was engaged by hostile forces and struck by an anti-tank grenade resulting in shrapnel wounds to legs, hearing loss and other combat injuries.

**Spc. Adrian DelaCruz**, an El Paso native serving as an infantryman

assigned to B Co., 1st Bn., 21st Infantry, 2nd BCT, was injured Feb. 8 in Iraq. While on mounted patrol, Delacruz's vehicle was struck by an IED resulting in a broken jaw, fractured back and broken ankle.

**Spc. Duane McGhghy**, an infantryman assigned to D Co., 1st Bn., 28th Inf. Regiment, 4th Inf. BCT, 1st ID, was injured Oct. 11. While on a patrol mission in Iraq, McGhghy's vehicle was struck by an IED resulting in his combat injuries.

**Spc. Gregory Wulff**, a Dallas native, served as a cavalry scout for the Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 61st Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Bde., 2nd ID, Wulff was injured Aug. 22, in Iraq and sustained multiple fractures and other combat injuries.

**Pfc. Jamin Moore**, an infantryman, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 1st Bn., 327th Inf., was injured Dec. 4. While serving as a driver, Moore's vehicle was struck by an IED, which resulted in combat injuries.

**Pfc. Adam Putt**, an infantryman assigned to 3rd Inf. Regiment, 2nd Rear Detachment in Iraq, was injured Aug. 2. While conducting patrol operations, Putt's Stryker was struck by an IED resulting in combat injuries.

**Staff Sgt. Manuel Figueroa Jr.**, an infantryman assigned to D Co., 2nd Bn., 222nd Infantry, 1st BCT, 10th Mountain Div., was injured Feb. 8 in the line of duty while leading a convoy in Iraq. His vehicle was hit with an IED injuring two other Soldiers and fatally wounding his driver. Figueroa sustained a fractured left leg, right ankle, fingers and hands, along with other combat injuries.

## Put to the test



Photo by Jerry Harben

Spc. Roman Cabrera is inspected by a board of senior NCOs Monday at the Army Medical Department Museum during the Medical Command Best Warrior Competition. Cabrera, representing the AMEDD Center and School, was one of 20 Soldiers and NCOs competing. In addition to the board, the event included tests of physical fitness, marksmanship, land navigation, tactical skills during lane scenarios, combatives, a written test and an essay. The winner Soldier and NCO will be announced during a luncheon at the Sam Houston Club Friday.

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facility. The construction contracts for these buildings were awarded in February.

The Medical Education and Training Campus represents one of the primary projects of the San Antonio Base Realignment and Closure Program, a construction and renovation initiative aimed at providing the facilities and infrastructure necessary to implement the 2005 BRAC law. The BRAC mandates call for relocating several medical training and administrative missions to San Antonio, as well as consolidating certain missions that already exist at local installations.

Construction work is scheduled to take place across San Antonio at Fort Sam Houston, Camp Bullis, Lackland and Randolph Air Force Bases through September 2011. The total

cost of the San Antonio BRAC Program and related military construction is projected to exceed \$2 billion. In all, the San Antonio BRAC Program will involve building and renovating 78 major facilities that amount to more than 6 million square feet of space.

Representatives of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are working on the San Antonio BRAC Program as members of the Joint Program Management Office, which is overseeing the design and construction efforts. The JPMO is a joint military service entity that represents a partnership between the Corps, the Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment, the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, and private-sector contractors.

(Source: Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers news release)

**MILITARY CHILD from P4**

fessionals who have experienced deployment. The video accentuates the inherent resiliency of military children and thanks them for their personal service and sacrifice to the nation.

• "Talk, Listen, Connect: Helping Families During Military Deployment" – This is available at <http://www.sesame-workshop.org/tlc>. Families can view and download Sesame Street Workshop videos for children and Families. A bilingual DVD kit is designed to help military Families with children ages 3 to 5 cope with feelings, challenges, and concerns experienced during various phases of deployment: pre-deployment, deployment and homecoming. Sesame Street is scheduled to come out with a phase II product later this month.

In addition, there are written articles that help to place these various resources in context:

• "Videos help children with absent parent." This article about the videos can be found at <http://www.army-medicine.army.mil/news/releases/20070724teenvideo.cfm>.

ses/20070724teenvideo.cfm.

• "Child resiliency program plants community seeds" – This is an article about an outreach program to a school; visit <http://www.armymedicine.army.mil/news/releases/20070726childresiliency.cfm>. Madigan Army Medical Center was awarded the 2007 Military Child Education Coalition's "Pete Taylor Partnership Award" (Individual Program) for its outreach program within the Clover Park School District that helps military children to better cope with the deployment of their parents.

The Military Youth Deployment Support Video Program will be getting special support from the American Academy of Pediatricians during the Month of the Military Child. A link called "April is the Month of the Military Child" will be featured on the AAP home page throughout the month of April. The message is that the AAP is proud to support military and civilian pediatricians and Families caring for military children and adolescents.



# Housing implements changes to mock-billing process

The Department of the Army implemented a "Utility Service Reimbursement Policy" for all privatized housing that will either reward residents for energy conservation or charge for excess utility consumption.

Implementation began in March 2007 mandating residents of family housing be responsible for paying for utilities. Lincoln Military Housing issued the first "mock bills" in July under the Resident Utility Program.

To date residents have received eight mock bills from ISTA, the third party billing company hired by LMH. ISTA is responsible for calculating baselines for each profile and to distribute mock bills and ultimately actual bills to the resident.

The mock bills distributed to residents have identified their consumption baseline, actual consumption, and the "mock" charge or credit due as result of exceeding or falling below their baseline. During this eight-month period LMH has evaluated the program and is implementing a few changes to smooth the transition into actual billing:

- Mock billing was extended to May. The first actual bills will be mailed out in June.
- An element to the program was added that will increase the current "baselines" by

adding a 10 percent buffer above and below the average baseline. Residents will be responsible for usage above the buffer zone and LMH will reimburse residents for savings below the buffer zone. LMH is working with ISTA to redesign the invoice to reflect the buffer zone.

- Neighborhood Meetings began in March to explain the Resident Utility Program to include the mock and actual billing process. Refreshments and activities are included for children.

Neighborhood Meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Wheaton Graham Dickman, Artillery Post, Infantry Post, and Staff Post residents - today from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Harris Heights Community Center.
- Harris Heights residents - April 23 at 5 p.m.
- Watkins Terrace and Patch Chaffee residents - April 24 at 5 p.m.

Residents may request an exception to policy for medical reasons for an increased cost in their utility consumption. The process is as follows:

- Write a memo to LMH requesting an Exception to the Resident Utility Program.
- Residents will need to provide a letter from their doctor stating that due to the medical condition they require

increased utility consumption as a result of their condition, medical equipment, etc.

- The documentation can be sent to LMH via e-mail to [asemidey@lpsi.com](mailto:asemidey@lpsi.com) or faxed to LMH, Attention: Toni at 270-7699.
- LMH will review and determine if an exemption or concession for increased usage can be made.

Other than the outlined changes listed above, the Resident Utility Program will continue to be processed as identified below:

Monthly Baseline Consumption Calculation by the following criteria:

- All homes of same or similar size are considered one profile; for example, renovated Patch Chaffee and non-renovated Patch Chaffee, new housing three bedroom.
- The established profile of homes is used to calculate the specific baseline consumption.
- To calculate the current baseline consumption per profile:
  - Remove any home of zero usage from profile.
  - Remove unoccupied homes from profile.
  - Remove partial homes of partial billing periods (move ins/move outs).
  - Remove top 5 percent and bottom 5 percent of high and low-energy consumers.
  - Calculate baseline con-

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sumption per profile.

- The average is considered the baseline per profile.
- A 10 percent buffer above and below the average baseline will be identified. The resident will be responsible for usage above the buffer zone and LMH will be responsible to reimburse the resident for savings below the buffer zone.
- Residents are only responsible for their consumption of gas and electric. Water will not be a factor in the Resident Utility Program.

LMH continues to review the monthly consumption and discovered, repaired and is investigating:

- Homes with spikes in consumption.
- Homes with extremely low consumption.
- Maintenance concerns.

Other items being reviewed globally:

- Tracking exterior lighting to

ensure light poles are metered separately or resident receives credit for light pole consumption. Credit letters will be issued prior to start of actual billing.

- Review of all profiles to ensure homes are placed in proper profiles.
- Completing maintenance repairs as requested by residents (air filter changes, weather stripping, inspecting HVAC systems and hot water heaters.)

If residents discover or suspect exterior lighting is attached to their home they should contact LMH directly. Residents should also contact LMH or ISTA [www.ista-direct.com](http://www.ista-direct.com) with any questions or concerns about "mock billing." For more information, call LMH at 270-7638.

(Source: Residential Communities Initiative)

## YELLOW CAB from P2

the following locations:

- The corner of Fulton Road by the main post exchange, Building 2420, across from Burger King.
- Building 904 between Scott and Harney Roads.
- The Hacienda Recreation Center, Building 1462 by W.W. White Road.
- Mini-mall area, Building 1387, on the corner of Hardee and Williams Road.
- Lodging, Building 1002, Gorgas Circle.
- Camp Bullis, Building 110.
- Another staging area will soon be established at Brooke Army Medical Center.

George Alva, an independent contract driver at Yellow Cab, said, "Fort Sam Houston is the bread and butter for our company. We provide a lot of service to this post, especially about 4 in the afternoon, and then in the evening, making sure Soldiers get back on post by the time they need to. We get a lot of back and forth runs between the dorms and the PX areas. One driver could time it just right and make 10 runs back and forth in a matter of 30 minutes."

Alva, who is also the field service representative for Yellow Cab, added, "We were able to get this contract because we have the largest fleet in town, almost 600 vehicles now. We have four passenger, six passenger and wheelchair vans upon request. We accept credit and debit cards, as well as cash and we are for the most part readily available and we have the easiest phone number to remember, 222-2222."

One of the main clauses in the contract is the staging locations. Yellow Cab will be the only taxi company authorized at these locations. The contract does not mean other taxi services cannot enter the post, but only in the case of dropping off a passenger with a valid Department of Defense ID card. Once the passenger has been delivered to their location the taxi must exit the post without delay. The contract does not call for the customers to only call the Yellow Cab company, but other taxi services will most likely be turned away at the gate. Also other taxi services cannot sit at staging areas waiting for fares.

According to Alva, "Yellow Cab drivers must adhere to strict guidelines. They have a dress code and must be neatly groomed. They must attend several driver safety courses.



Photo by Cheryl Harrison

Yellow Cab #1, a six passenger minivan, is easily recognizable, displays the easy to remember phone number, 222-2222, and is often seen providing transportation to Soldiers around post. George Alva, driver of cab #1, was named the 2006 Taxi Driver of the Year due to his exemplary driving record and customer service.

Drivers have extensive background checks to include being fingerprinted, FBI background checks, police checks, the works. We try to maintain the best drivers possible."

"We want to provide a good service to the Soldiers because of what they do for us," said Alva.

Yellow Cab has been providing a service to the greater San Antonio area since 1999. The company has more than 600 taxicabs to serve the immediate needs of passengers. Yellow Cab provides the following:

- Computerized dispatch taxicab service with Global Positioning System to ensure prompt response time.
- Six passenger taxis available upon request.
- All passengers can ride for the price of one.
- Drivers are available when needed, 24 hours a day, every day.
- Cabs are clean, comfortable, late-

model sedans and minivans. All cabs are equipped with digital cameras and are a smoke-free environment.

- Customers have the right to a receipt.
- Taxi reservations are accepted; hourly rates are available upon request.
- All major credit cards accepted.
- Itemized monthly billing on corporate and professional charge accounts are available.
- All vehicles are operated by independent contractor drivers.
- Wheelchair accessible taxicabs are available at the same low fares.

For more information about the Yellow Cab service, call AAFES at 225-1305.

## Ethics training offered April 30

Government employees are required to take ethics training annually. The following training methods are available: live presentation at Blesse Auditorium, online training at [http://www.dod.mil/dodgc/defense\\_ethics/ethics\\_training/2007\\_AET/index.htm](http://www.dod.mil/dodgc/defense_ethics/ethics_training/2007_AET/index.htm), or view an Army ethics videotape or DVD. The subjects of the training will be alternately Political Activities and Acquisition Ethics; there is no separate requirement for a second hour for Acquisition Ethics training. Attendance at either presentation will satisfy the ethics training requirement, unless supervisors direct otherwise.

The next ethics training, Acquisition Ethics, will be held April 30 at 1 p.m. at Blesse Auditorium, Willis Hall, Building 2841.

All U.S. Office of Government Ethics 450 filers will be requested to take the ethics training on the Internet. This training provides the capability for e-mail notification of supervisor and ethics counselor after completion.

For more information, call the ethics counselor in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Army Medical Department Center and School and Fort Sam Houston, at 221-2373 or 221-0485.



# Occupational therapists prepare for six-month internship

By Jen Rodriguez  
Brooke Army Medical Center  
Public Affairs Office

Upon completion of the course, therapists earn a total of 50 contact hours and are prepared for a six-month internship with a hand surgeon.

Twelve occupational therapists set their sights on a six-month internship to train with a hand surgeon after completing the Evaluation and Treatment of Upper Extremity Condition course at Brooke Army Medical Center.

Military and civilian therapists, drawn from as far as Washington, D.C., completed the annual training March 3 to 14 after 12 days of fast-paced training to earn that privilege.

"It's a very intense course, tons of info crammed into two weeks, but they manage," said Maj. Jay Clasing, BAMC occupational therapist and annual training project manager.

Clasing said this year's class was the biggest they've had in the past three years. "Normal attendance is about eight therapists," he said.

The course is a combination of didactic and hands-on instruction, which includes lectures, demonstrations, case studies, cadaver dissection, daily quizzes, and clinical experiences through evaluat-

ing patients with upper extremity conditions. Upper extremity conditions are fractures, over-use injuries, nerve injuries (carpal and cubital tunnel syndromes), soft tissue injuries and sprains.

"A board-certified hand surgeon supervises the clinical evaluation and presentation sessions," said Clasing. "Participants were objectively tested (pre and post) on their knowledge of upper extremity anatomy, orthopedic terminology and diagnostic skills."

Participating therapists must have six to 12 months of treating upper extremity injuries as a prerequisite before taking the course.

Upon completion of the course, therapists earn a total of 50 contact hours and are prepared for a six-month internship with a hand surgeon.

Occupational therapy student Pfc. Daniel Bell works with Warrior in Transition Spc. Kerry Glennon to help him regain range of motion in his left wrist and fingers. Glennon had a bone taken from his leg and placed in his arm.



Photo by Jen Rodriguez

## BAMC to celebrate OTs at Open House

By 1st Lt. Carrie Pommeranz  
Brooke Army Medical Center

Join Brooke Army Medical Center Occupational Therapy for its annual Open House in celebration of Occupational Therapy Month April 24 from 12 to 1:30 p.m. at the OT clinic located on the first floor.

Learn about the Army's OT program, their work at BAMC, and involvement at the Center for the Intrepid and the Institute of Surgical Research. Staff members will be available to answer any questions people may have.

As a health-care profession concerned with restoring meaningful functionality through purposeful activities, occupational therapy is innately unique. OT professionals seek to assist individuals in achieving maximum participation and independence in all aspects of every-

day life. Using physical modalities, skill training, education, adaptive equipment and consultation, OT prepares individuals to engage in activities that refine physical, cognitive and social skills, as well as enhances psychological motivation to achieve peak performance in life.

Overall, OT is the art and science of directing participation to restore, reinforce, and enhance performance in life skills which promote health and well-being.

Founded in 1917, the National Society for the Promotion of Occupational Therapy evolved into the American Occupational Therapy Association. The creation of the society was impelled by a belief in the curative properties of human occupation. The origination of these beliefs derived from areas such as moral

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### OPEN HOUSE from P10

treatment, the arts and crafts movement, scientific medicine ideology, women's professions and social reform.

During World War I, the first practitioners, called reconstructive aides, worked to rehabilitate disabled Soldiers through the use of purposeful activity. Shown to be effective in improving health and psychological well-being, doctors began to request OT services in civilian hospitals following the war.

Historically, Army OT has been at the forefront of rehabilitative intervention. Today they serve as integral members of the rehabilitation team within a multitude of settings and areas of concentration. Today's Army OTs are vital members of the rehabilitation team, providing services to wounded warriors as they recover from injuries suffered in the conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan. These areas include neuromusculoskeletal rehabilitation, burn care and rehabilitation, orthotics/prosthetics, psychosocial, cognition, ergonomics and work

hardening.

The Army OT's primary deployable mission is to serve on a Combat and Operational Stress Control team. As Soldiers are exposed to unique mental and physical stressors in a combative environment, stressors can produce results for poor work performance and maladaptive behaviors. The OT is equipped to address these issues.

At BAMC, Army and civilian OTs work in several sectors including the Center for the Intrepid, Traumatic Brain Injury Clinic and the ISR Burn Center. Army OTs lead the way in the rehabilitation of upper extremity injuries. Working closely with orthopedic hand surgeons, Army OTs with specialized training in hand rehabilitation evaluate and treat wounded warriors with complex hand and upper extremity injuries.

Through the use of intervention techniques such as modalities; splinting; and purposeful and occupation-based activities, such as fire arms training and motor vehicle simulation, the OT strives to optimize the individual's level

of independence and enhance overall occupational performance following injury.

The OT's role in treating Soldiers with TBI is to evaluate their occupational performance deficits and introduce means to remediate, adapt, or compensate for their impairments through use of everyday tasks. The Army Medical Action Plan has placed great emphasis on the TBI clinic at BAMC, which incorporates each of these approaches in order to deliver comprehensive services using a multi-disciplinary approach.

Their CFI work involves advanced rehabilitative methods to further restore function and independence to severely injured patients. Primarily, they work with Soldiers with amputations and burns, and play an imperative role in helping Soldiers regain a sense of purpose through incorporating everyday tasks so that they may resume their military occupational specialty or transition into another field.

At the ISR, OT collaborates with other health-care professionals to assist with the following: positioning to prevent



Photo by Jen Rodriguez

Occupational therapist Sgt. Brian Christman sets a timer for Warrior in Transition Spc. David Schrauger, who is undergoing therapy for his left hand at the Brooke Army Medical Center Occupational Therapy Clinic.

contractures, scar management, maximize range of motion, fabricate splints, increase abilities to perform activities of daily living, and regain strength and endurance. Through therapeutic use of occupations and therapeutic use of self or planned

use of individuality and expertise, OT addresses all aspects affecting one's dysfunction.

As ever-evolving demands to regain quality of life continue to push medical system limits, OTs across the globe are prepared to meet those challenges head-on.

### BRIDGE from P3



Courtesy rendering

The concept for the architectural improvements to the bridge and roadway shown here take into account some of the features unique to the post, such as the metal work at the old New Braunfels street entrance and the Quadrangle. The five stars (right side) show the connection between Gen. Dwight Eisenhower and Fort Sam Houston, as well as his influence on the development of interstates in the passage of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956.

project, in its completion, will eliminate some of the traffic back-ups. The new development will ease this situation for motorists. And the bridge will be absolutely beautiful."

With a project of this size, it is inevitable that there will be inconveniences and dis-

ruptions to normal, daily routines. TxDOT officials said they will keep communication open so the surrounding community will be informed on the progress of the project.

For more information on this project, call 615-5932. (Source: TxDOT)



# Hit me with your best shot



Photos by Tim Luukkonen

Referee Mark Calooy watches intently as Aurelio Honesto blocks a punch from Ray Cordova during Boxing at the Brought VI held Saturday at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Cordova was announced the winner of the fight by decision. More than 500 people attended the boxing event, which included 10 action-packed bouts.

To honor her contribution to the sport of boxing at Fort Sam Houston, Paul Matthews, director, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, gives U.S. Army Garrison Commander Col. Wendy Martinson a pair of gloves signed by boxing legend Jesse James Leija.



Photo by Matthew Breaker

Both Richard Soto and Ivan Martinez fail to land effective blows while blocking or dodging a punch from their opponent.



John Lopez misses a left jab that was aimed at the head of Benjamin Gonzales. Dodging such blows and delivering his own allowed Gonzales to win by decision. Boxers like Lopez and Gonzales were from local San Antonio boxing clubs. For more information about future boxing events, all 221-2020 or 221-1180.



# Sports

## Verizon basketball shootout

Bring your skills onto the court during the Verizon Wireless 3-Point Basketball Shootout Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Come out for the chance to win a variety of great prizes, including \$500. While there, take the opportunity to demo some of the latest phones with hot new V CAST games like NBA Live. Space is limited, so stop by the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center or Brigade Gym to sign up. For more information, call 221-1180 or 221-9904.

## All-Army Chess Championship

The 2008 All-Army Chess Championship will be held May 11 to 17 at Fort Myer, Arlington, Va. This competition is open to all U.S. Army active duty who are also a U.S. Chess Federation-rated member; 12 players will be selected and funded by Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command. All players must apply online or download the application and

fax to 703-681-7249 or DSN 761-7249. There is no on-site registration. For more information or to apply, visit [www.armymwr.com/portal/recreation/c\\_hess](http://www.armymwr.com/portal/recreation/c_hess) or call 703-681-7204, DSN 761-7204. Other upcoming chess events include the 2008 Inter-Service Chess Championships at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tuscon, Ariz., from June 8 to 14 and the 2008 NATO Chess Championships in Brussels, Belgium (date to be announced).

## Boxers Wanted

Boxers are needed for upcoming matches. Boxers must be registered and training 30 days prior to an event. People interested in participating in future events, call the Intramural Sports Branch at 221-3185 or e-mail [ear.tyoung@us.army.mil](mailto:ear.tyoung@us.army.mil). For more information, call 221-3185.

## Caminada De Fiesta walk

Bring the whole Family to the 27th Annual Caminada de Fiesta April 19 from 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Army Medical Department Museum, 2310 Stanley Road. This Fiesta walk is a European-style Volksmarch through

historic Fort Sam Houston. Walk the 10-kilometer (6.2-mile) route, and enjoy a bit of the Army post's history. The event is free unless participants desire AVA/IVV distance credit or awards. Enter the installation at the Harry Wurzbach gate, Harry Wurzbach Road. Registration is open from 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Walkers will have until 3 p.m. to complete the event. For more information, call Gerald Kamicka at 658-2160 or [geraldk726@aol.com](mailto:geraldk726@aol.com).

## Asian Pacific Heritage Month volleyball

In honor of Asian Pacific Heritage Month a volleyball tournament will be held May 10 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for all interested military, Family members or civilian teams. The registration deadline is May 2. For more information, e-mail Tray Stephens at [tstephens9@satx.rr.com](mailto:tstephens9@satx.rr.com).

## Basketball camp

The Ten-Star All-Star Basketball Camp is accepting applications for summer basketball camp for boys and girls ages 10 to 19. College basketball scholarships are possible for players selected to the all-American team. There is also summer camp available for boys and girls ages 6 to 18 of all skill levels. For more information, call 704-373-0873 or visit [www.tenstarcamp.com](http://www.tenstarcamp.com).



Photo by Jen Rodriguez

## 3-on-3 at BAMC

Amps players Andrew Looney (from left) and Adrian Garcia quicken the pace on the pick and roll against Deputy Commanders player David Bitterman during the Brooke Army Medical Center Warrior Transition Battalion 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament held Tuesday at the Center for the Intrepid outdoor court. The Amps shut out the Deputy Commanders 11-0. More than 30 teams comprising WTs, WTB, U.S. Army Garrison, and BAMC staff competed in the three-day tournament, which ends today. The tournament featured 3-on-3 Basketball, 3-on-3 Wheelchair Basketball and a Free Throw Shoot-Out. Semi-final play will begin Monday with the finals played Tuesday. According to Amps coaches Troy Hopkins and Eli Ramos, the Amps are going to take the tournament with Out on a Limb being their toughest competition.

## Troop Salute

### Instructor of the Quarter



Sgt. 1st Class James Jeane was named the Army Medical Department Center and School Instructor of the Quarter for the second quarter of fiscal 2008. Jeane is assigned to Department of Combat Medic Training, G Company, 232nd Medical Battalion. Jeane is being recognized for his demonstration of superior teaching abilities and expert knowledge during the evaluation.



Photo by Esther Garcia

## Future Soldiers visit post

Future soldiers from Lake Jackson, Texas, visit Fort Sam Houston March 29 to get a taste of Army life. First stop on their itinerary was a tour of Benner Barracks. The group then visited the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, a state-of-the-art fitness center, the post museum and a visit to the post exchange. One member of the group will be returning to Fort Sam Houston to train as a combat medic following basic training.

# Sexual Assault Awareness Month

## Post to raise awareness with month of activities

By Valerie Gurule

Sexual Assault Response Coordinator

The Department of Defense recognizes April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. In support of this declaration Army Community Service and the Installation Sexual Assault Office have many activities planned.

The 2008 Sexual Assault Awareness Month slogan is "Prevent Sexual Assault: Ask! Act! Intervene!" Posters and flyers will be posted around the installation and Brooke Army Medical Center promoting the new slogan.

The Sexual Assault Program will be displaying "The Clothesline Project" in the Wayne E. Stagel Dining Facility. The Clothesline Project was established in the early 90s as a venue to address the issue of violence against women. Survivors of sexual assault are able to express their emotions by decorating a T-shirt to reflect their sexual assault incident. The T-shirt is then displayed as their personal testimonial.

Thirty life-sized male and female silhouettes will be displayed at high traffic areas around the installation. The silhouettes will be mirrored and contain a caption reading, "What does a potential sexual assault victim look like?" The sign will also exhibit safety and prevention tips geared toward servicemembers.

Teal ribbons have been tied around the trees outside of Army Community Service. Teal is the designated color for sexual assault awareness.

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Angela Shelton is best known for her 2001 documentary, "Searching for Angela Shelton." Shelton traveled the United States interviewing other Angela Sheltons for her documentary. Her goal was to survey women in the United States, but as she began interviewing other Angela Sheltons, she found that 70 percent of the people she interviewed had been victims of rape, childhood sexual assault or domestic violence. Angela's survey of women becomes a journey of self-discovery during which she decides to finally confront her own past and her father — on Father's Day.

The Angela Sheltons complete the journey by teaching the filmmaker about the power of the human spirit, no matter what your name is. Shelton has quickly become recognized as a hero and become a public speaker on the subject of trauma, recovery and resiliency.

Due to the overwhelming response to her film, Shelton tours the nation with the mission of inspiring and empowering all survivors of abuse to heal and lead joyful lives.

For more information, call Valerie Gurule at 221-0918.



(From left) Wayne Barth, Army Medical Department Center and School; Col. John Cook, 32nd Medical Brigade commander; and Paul Dvorak, Camp Bullis manager, cut the ribbon that officially opened Forward Operating Base Warrior at Camp Bullis.



(Right) A 32nd Medical Brigade Soldier depicting the enemy lies on the ground during the tactical training demonstration.



(Above) The Forward Operating Base Warrior compound includes tents for use as sleeping quarters for the warrior medics during training.

(Right) Sgt. 1st Class Charles Byrd, 264th Medical Battalion, who was involved in the building of the FOB Warrior from beginning to end, said, "Myself and a first sergeant from D Company, 187th Medical Battalion, made the initial requirements and it just grew from there."



# Combat readiness

## 32nd Med. Bde. opens cutting-edge training facility at Camp Bullis

Capt. William LaChance, 264th Medical Battalion, provides a tour of the Operations Tent, which includes a scale model of Forward Operating Base Warrior, to visitors following the ribbon-cutting ceremony.



A convoy of military vehicles enters Forward Operating Base Warrior during the tactical demonstration. Guards on top of the two towers guard the entrance with weapons.



Soldiers assigned to 264th Medical Battalion who participated in the tactical demonstration at the opening of Forward Operating Base Warrior pose for a group photo.

Story and photos by Esther Garcia  
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs Office

In August 2006, the 32nd Medical Brigade held its first strategic planning conference to establish command priorities for the coming years. It was during this conference that the leadership teams of the 187th and 264th Medical Battalions identified the requirement to establish a dedicated training facility for low density military occupational specialty skills similar to the 232nd Med. Bn. Soldier medic training site.

And with the 264th Med. Bn. assigned as the lead element, the concept of the Forward Operating Base Warrior was born.

On April 1, Col. John Cook, host and commander, 32nd Med. Bde., officially opened Forward Operating Base Warrior at Camp Bullis during a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Equipped with more than 400 8-foot barricade walls, nine guard towers, four checkpoints, 55 pallets of concertina wire, three speed bumps with tire shredders, four bunkers and one vehi-

cle, the impressive FOB Warrior will serve as the focal point for standardization of warrior task and battle-drill training for the brigade's low density military occupational specialty skills.

"The FOB Warrior accurately replicates the forward operating bases that are currently utilized by the military forces in Iraq and Afghanistan," said Capt. Darren Teters, 264th Med. Bn., during his opening remarks.

Located in the vicinity of the Army Medical Department Center and School deployable system, it allows the brigade to use existing training area and reduce resource requirements. The FOB is not a permanent structure and is 100 percent mobile.

"This realistic tactical training base will help us provide our Soldiers with a cutting-edge, realistic and scenario-based training needed by our Soldiers to operate and survive in today's combat situations," said Teters.

In addition, Teters said the FOB warrior will aid the brigade and AMEDDC&S in taking aggressive steps toward standardizing the required tactical training

across the board, such as warrior task and battle drills, warrior ethos training and weapons immersion. FOB Warrior will serve as a common-use training facility, not only for the 32nd Med. Bde. but for all units that train on Camp Bullis, whether they are Reserve, National Guard, Air Force or Marines.

"FOB Warrior will serve as a training facility base to prepare them for future deployments in support of the nation's Global War on Terrorism," said Teters.

"As we prepare for the future joint medical readiness and training requirements under the Base Realignment and Closure, as well as Medical Education and Training Campus concepts and initiatives, we envision the training base will one day play host to the fully integrated joint medical training exercises," said Teters.

Cook said, "This impressive facility with its imposing walls, wire, obstacles, and secured entry points fully replicates the contemporary operational environment of Iraq and Afghanistan and offers the most realistic, cutting-edge, training environment for our warrior medics.

No longer will our Soldiers' first exposure to tactical base operations be in the theater of operations. It will occur right here, at FOB Warrior, in a training environment, under the guide of experienced combat veterans," said Cook.

Cook said the training base cost 1.1 million dollars to construct. In a cost-saving measure the 32nd Med. Bde. took on the challenge of constructing the facility with organic resources. He said from December 2007 to March 2008, Sgt. 1st Class Charles Byrd, 68K instructor, 264th Med. Bn., department of clinical support services, with assistance from Camp Bullis personnel, constructed the facility. Byrd and a first sergeant from D Company, 187th Med. Bn., presented the idea of a FOB to the leadership.

"We wanted to know why Fort Sam Houston did not have a FOB. So we presented the idea and it just grew from there," said Byrd.

"As Camp Bullis continues to feel the pressures from its surrounding communities, the FOB Warrior will validate the importance of maintaining high quality

training areas for our military forces as Camp Bullis is home to the best tactical training base in all of U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command," said Teters.

Prior to the ribbon-cutting ceremony Cook presented Certificates of Appreciation and the Commander's Coin of Excellence to personnel involved in the construction and execution of the FOB Warrior.

The ceremony concluded with a tactical demonstration that included a scenario of enemies trying to enter the compound with the gate guards from the towers firing to stop the enemy from entering.

A tour of the facility and a reception followed immediately after the demonstration.

"FOB Warrior serves as proof of concept for what right should look like in our tactical training facilities. We must take this concept and apply it to our combat medics and our officer training facilities to better prepare those Soldiers for the challenges that lie ahead for us all," said Cook.



"FOB Warrior is a historic improvement to our training base at Camp Bullis and arguably represents the best facility of its kind in U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command. The Army Medical Department is leading the way," said Col. John Cook, commander, 32nd Medical Brigade, and host for the ribbon-cutting ceremony held April 1 at Camp Bullis.





## Recreation and Leisure

### Fiesta Family bowling

Celebrate Fiesta early with the entire family at the Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center. Stop by the bowling center for Fiesta Family Bowling April 19 from 6 to 10 p.m. and enjoy free bowling courtesy of Morale, Welfare and Recreation and local sponsors. Every participating patron will receive a free shoe rental, bowling, and a ticket to win door prize drawings. Door prizes include Army and Air Force Exchange Service gift cards, an autographed "Deion Sanders" football, SeaWorld passes, free bowling, an Austin Wranglers football jersey and more. This annual event is a prelude to Fort Sam Houston's Fiesta and Fireworks event, which will be held April 20. All bowlers are first-come, first-served during the special event timeframe. While waiting for a

lane try the new MWR branded restaurant the Strike Zone, which offers a wide variety of food and beverages. For more information, call the MWR Bowling Center at 221-4740 or visit [www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com](http://www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com).

### Wii tournament

Fort Sam Houston's six night Wii competition will be held through Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the post exchange food court. The competition includes challenges in each of the five Wii sports, which use the system's wireless controller to allow users to swing and mock-throw to play baseball, tennis, golf, bowling and boxing. A winner will be determined for each sport who will then compete in a local finale Saturday. The overall winner will win a Nintendo Wii prize bundle package. The Hacienda Recreation Center and the bowling center will hold Wii practice sessions through Friday, before the challenge gets under way. Winners can receive a Rebounder Mini Trampoline, Mio Sport Watch, \$75 Nike gift card, Flip Video Camera and more. For more information, call 221-2307 or visit [www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com](http://www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com).

### Post garage sale

The next post garage sale will be held May 3 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the MacArthur Pavilion parking lot.

Participation is free, but sellers must pre-register. A valid Department of Defense ID card is required to participate. Participants may bring their own tables or may rent them on-site from the Outdoor Equipment Center. Table rentals will be on a first-come, first-served basis as supplies last. The selling of firearms, animals, arts and crafts or food and beverage items is not permissible. For more information, visit [www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com](http://www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com) or call 221-5224 or 221-5225.

### Texas Hold'em Tournament

The 2008 Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Texas Hold'em Tournament local competition will be held April 18 at 6 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club. The one-day event will continue until a winner is declared. The first-place winner receives a \$500 Army and Air Force Exchange Service gift card and a seat at the online finals tournament. First-place winners from each participating Army installation will be invited to compete in the online final competition May 31 and get a chance to win grand prizes. The first-place online winner will receive a 42-inch home theater system, which includes a 42-inch flat panel television and a Bose Home Theater

Sound System; second place receives a laptop computer; and third place receives a Bose Wave. Participants must be at least 21 years old. The registration fee is \$20 and includes a special meal with unlimited soft drinks. Sign up by Wednesday. For more information or to register, call 224-2721 or 226-1663. For a complete list of prizes and official rules, visit [www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com](http://www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com).

## Dining and Entertainment

### MWR Ticket Office

The MWR Ticket Office is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Discounted tickets are available for local attractions as well as theme parks such as Disney World and Universal Studios. For more information, visit [www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com](http://www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com) or call 221-1663 or 224-2721.

### Harlequin Dinner Theatre

#### 'The Star-Spangled Girl'

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre will present the Neil Simon comedy, "The Star-Spangled Girl" through May 10. Tickets are \$28 Wednesdays and Thursdays and \$31 Fridays and Saturdays. The doors open at 6:15 p.m. for salad bar and cocktails, with a buffet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; the show begins at 8 p.m. Military discounts are available. For more information or to make reservations, call 222-9694.

## Army Community Service

### Sibling rivalry class

Army Community Service will hold a sibling rivalry class today from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Red Cross, Building 2650, to help parents learn skills to deal with sibling conflicts and how to encourage good feelings between siblings. For more information or to register for this training, call 221-0349 or e-mail [thelma.t.kegley@us.army.mil](mailto:thelma.t.kegley@us.army.mil)

### Blended Families class

The Blended Families class will be held April 17 from 11 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. at the Red Cross, Building 2650. The class will address some of the challenges in making two Families one. Discussion topics include discipline, financial responsibilities, and co-parenting issues and concerns. Blended Families can flourish, thrive, and be

as rewarding as a first, or nuclear, Family. Learn tips on how to avoid the pitfalls Families can experience and how to improve existing relationships. To sign up, call 221-0349 or e-mail [thelma.t.kegley@us.army.mil](mailto:thelma.t.kegley@us.army.mil).

### And away we grow

A class, designed to help new parents understand developmental stages and what to expect the first year of a baby's life, will be held April 19 from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Red Cross, Building 2797. Topics presented will help guide new parents through the many challenges and surprises babies can bring. For more information, call 221-2705.

### Family Readiness Group

The Army Community Service Mobilization and Deployment Program will offer Family Readiness Group training April 30 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. The workshop will address the FRG's mission and role, the structure of operations, highlight how FRG's need to adapt to changing times and what they need to do now. Additionally, the training will define the tasks FRG leaders need to conduct when assuming leadership of the unit's assessment to include planning, set-up and revisions. For more information or to register, call 221-2705.

### New Parents Support Program Plus

The New Parents Support Program Plus, a component of the Family Advocacy Program, is a professional team that provides supportive services to military Families with children from birth to 3 years old. NPSP+ provides comprehensive services through educational sessions and playgroups and home visitation services. The services offer expectant parents and parents of infant and toddlers the opportunity to learn new skills as parents and improve current techniques. For more information, call 221-0349 or visit the Web site at <http://www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com/acs/programs/FAP/default.asp>.

### Commanders' training

The Family Advocacy Program Commander and Senior Leader Training course is for new commanders, first sergeants and senior leaders. The training needs to be completed within 45 days upon assumption of the position. Training will be held on

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# Rampage scores big with military

By Kelly Jones

DMWR Marketing and Corporate Partnership Director

The San Antonio Rampage ice hockey team honored the men and women who have and continue to serve their country during the Rampage's sixth Annual Military Appreciation Night at the AT&T Center.

The Rampage wore specially designed camouflage jerseys in honor of servicemembers. The commemorative jerseys worn by the Rampage and the Rampage Sled Hockey teams were auctioned off following the game. Proceeds from the auction will benefit San Antonio's military community, specifically the Fort Sam Houston Warrior and Family Support Center, Fisher House and Operation Comfort.

The Rampage have raised more than \$50,000 in support of the military since the inception of their Military Appreciation Nights.

The Rampage handled the Peoria Riverman with a 6-0 shutout in front of an AT&T Center crowd of 9,019 – the largest crowd this season. Saturday's military appreciation game included a special highlight of the Rampage Sled Hockey team, which comprises primarily Soldiers who have been injured while serving and are recovering at Brooke Army Medical Center. The Sled Hockey Team is a joint effort by the Rampage, Operation Comfort, and the San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department.



Photo by Jennifer Morris

Master Sgt. William Hatfield, of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army South, and wife Taysha were the winners of the Rampage Military Appreciation Night package. They won two lower-level Spurs playoff tickets, four SeaWorld passes, a \$100 Army and Air Force Exchange Service gift card and two Spurs Rampage hockey jerseys.

Fort Sam Houston Morale, Welfare and Recreation Marketing would like to recognize Paul and Lois Roth of Military Benefit Representatives, LLC, and the San Antonio Rampage for donating several hundred tickets to the Fort Sam Houston community.

For information on Rampage tickets, call Nate Costa at 444-5616.

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the last Thursday of each month from 8 to 10 a.m. in Building 2797 on Stanley Road. For more information or to register, call 221-0349 or e-mail [thelma.t.kegley@us.army.com](mailto:thelma.t.kegley@us.army.com).

## Child and Youth Services

### Parent Advisory Council

A Child and Youth Services Parent Advisory Council meeting will be held Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Child Development Center. PAC meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month. Lunch will be provided. All CYS patrons are encouraged to attend. This is an opportunity to meet staff, attend parent workshops and learn about upcoming events. For more information, call 221-4871 or 221-1723.

### Saturdays at School Age Services

School Age Services is open the

second and fourth Saturdays of every month from 2 to 6 p.m. Children from first to fifth grades can have a fun-filled afternoon at School Age Services, Building 1705, Winans Road. For more information, call 221-4466.

### Central Registration

Central Registration is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Building 2797. Walk-ins and appointments are welcome; patrons are seen after 4 p.m. by appointment only. To register for Child and Youth Services programs, patrons must provide current shot records (kindergarten through fifth grade), two local emergency designees, a health assessment/sport physical within the last year (sport physicals must be valid for the entire sports season), child's Social Security number, sponsor's Leave and Earnings Statement, spouse's W2 form, \$18 registration fee and activity fee payment. For more information, call 221-1723 or 221-4871.



# Cole academians advance to regional competition

By retired Lt. Col. Robert Hoffmann  
Robert G. Cole High School

Robert G. Cole High School hosted the 2008 University Interscholastic League District 30 AA Academic Meet the week of March 24, and not only conducted a successful competition, but ended up with several student winners as well.

Cole will have 15 advancing students competing in 14 different events at the regional competition Saturday.

Overall, Cole came in second place in district, with the journalism team taking Champion Team Honors. The Cougars succeeded despite many of their team members not competing

due to track, tennis, and golf tournaments scheduled the same day.

Notable individual and team winners were:

Breanna Andrews – Headline Writing, second place

Coria Bowen – Editorial Writing, second place; and News Writing, second place

Kelsey Charlton – Calculator Apps, first place; and Mathematics, first place

Jenny Gibson – Calculator Apps, third place

Casey Gresenz – Spelling, first place

Katelyn Juni – Ready Writing, second place

Jorday Maney – Current Issues, second place; Feature Writing, first place,

Spelling, third place; Literary Criticism, third place

Patrick Newcomer – Calculator Apps, second place; Mathematics, second place; Number Sense, first place;

Science, third place; and Biology – top scorer

Colby Register – Lincoln Douglas Debate, first place; Social Studies, third place

Megan Renz – Ready Writing, first place

Sonya Santiago – News Writing, first place; Headline Writing, third place

Jennifer Sees – Editorial Writing, first place; Feature Writing, third place;

Headline Writing, first place

The Calculator Team consisting of

Kelsey Charlton, Jennifer Gibson, Patrick Newcomer and Ricky Rierra achieved first place.

Mathematics team members Kelsey Charlson, Jennifer Gibson, Patraick Newcomer and Kaitlan Vasquez received first place.

Jennifer Gibson, Casey Gresenz, Jordan Maney and Kaitlian Vasquez formed the Spelling and Vocabulary team winning first place.

The academic coaches for this school year include Beth Alexander, Janice Monroe, Lori Fuller, Joe Wyckoff, Rita Hansen, Barbara Lien, Jim Hudson, Kelly Palmer, Jackie Stott and James Cox. Nancy Hildenburg is the UIL head coach and coordinator.

# Cole thespians make a splash at UIL competition

By retired Lt. Col. Robert Hoffmann  
Robert G. Cole High School

This year the Robert G. Cole High School drama department featured the play “The Marriage of Figaro,” written by Beaumarchais, for entry in the annual University Interscholastic League one act play competition.

The play is a comedy of manners set in 18th century Spain telling the story of the funny antics of the

man-servant, Figaro, whose master, Count Almaviva, tries to stop his marriage to the lovely serving girl, Suzanna, because he wants her for himself.

The District 30AA One Act Play Contest was held March 29 in Cotulla, Texas. Cole was selected to advance to Area Competition. Cole students Brea Carrillo and Slater Kirk were selected for the District Best Actress and Best Actor awards. Three Cole actors were honored as District Honorable Mention All-Star Cast: Tim Fletcher, Colby Register and

Frankee Trey Harris.

The Conference AA, Area 3, Region IV, UIL One-Act Play Contest was held April 3 in Three Rivers, Texas. At that competition the play won two acting awards:

Brea Carillo, Honorable Mention All-Star cast and Slater Kirk won All-Star Cast.

In preparation for area competition, the play was performed for the public March 31 in Cole’s Mosley Gym. The rave reviews promised great things to come.

## Fiesta parade tickets on sale

The Cole Cougar Pride Club is selling parade tickets for the upcoming 2008 Battle of Flowers Parade to be held April 25 and the Fiesta Flambeau Parade April 26. The seats are located along the 100th block of East Commerce Street, adjacent to the park in front of San Fernando Cathedral. The area has easy accessibility to parking and food vendors. Tickets are \$9 and all proceeds will benefit the students of Robert G. Cole Middle and High School and Project Graduation. To purchase tickets, call Susie Adams at 462-7424.

# Cole sweeps district track titles

By retired Lt. Col. Robert Hoffmann  
Robert G. Cole High School

The boys’ and girls’ track teams from Robert G. Cole High School swept to the 2008 District 30 AA championship titles in the district meet held in Dilley, Texas, April 2 and 3.

Boys receiving medals included Richard Well, first place, 3,200 meter run and mile run; RJ Evans, first place, 100 meter dash and 200 meter dash; Max Hillman, first place, 300 meter hurdles; and David Bailey, first place, discus.

The sprint relay team won the gold - the participants were Max Hillman, Gus Cunningham, Nelson Sepulveda and RJ Evans. The 800 meter relay team won the gold as well. Its participants included Max Hillman, Gus Cunningham, Reggie Garnett and Nelson Sepulveda.

Seth Lougee received second place in the 3,200 meter run and third in the mile; Nelson Sepulveda won third place in the 200 meter dash and third in the long jump; Will Vega received third place in the 110 high hurdles; Lemon Hodges achieved third place in the 300 meter hurdles and fourth in the 110 high hurdles; Gus Cunningham received fifth place in the 100 meter dash, and Wesley McGhee received fifth place in the 800 and 400 meter runs.

The Lady Cougars totally dominated their competition, scoring 235 points with second place Jourdanton polling only 133.

Girls receiving medals included Lauren Garrott, first place, 300 meter hurdles; first place, 100 meter hurdles; first place, triple jump; first place, high jump; and third place, long jump.

Garrott set the school record three times this season in the 100 high hurdles. At the central catholic relays, her winning time was 14.67 beating A.

West’s record of 15.56 set in 1998. At the same meet, Garrottt also broke the Cole record of 35 feet and 10 inches set in 1986 by H. Wright and tied in 2001 by B. Bannon. Her record-breaking triple jump was 36 feet and four and a half inches. Garrott broke the 300 meter hurdle record of 47.41 set in 1999 by A. West with a new record time of 46.64 set at the Comfort track meet.

Also deserving recognition are Martha Brown, who won first place in the two-mile run and first place in the one-mile run; Sheyondra Evans, who earned first place in the 200 meter sprint; Monae Tillman, who received first place in the long jump, second place in the triple jump and second place in the 200 meter sprint.

In the sprint relay were district champs Sheyondra Evans, Christina Gonzales, Janiece Judkins and Monae Tillman.

District champs in the 4 by 200 relay were Sheyondra Evans, Janiece Judkins, Lindsey Saddler and Monae Tillman.

Continuing the winning streak in the mile relay were district champs Nilda Berrios-Miranda, Gretchen Newcomer, Lindsey Saddler and Shaye Grant.

Other winners were Janiece Judkins, who received second place in the 100 sprint; Nilda Berrios-Miranda, who achieved second place in the 400 run; Casey Gresenz, who won second place in the 800 run and sixth place in the 400 run; Dominique Edmonds, who won third place in the 800 run; Emily Sauer, who achieved fourth place in the 800 run; Shaye Grant, who won fourth place in the 400 run; Gretchen Newcomer, who received second place in the 300 hurdles, fifth place in the 100 hurdles and sixth place in the triple jump; Katie

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# FSHISD announces student transfer policy

The Fort Sam Houston Independent School District will once again accept transfer students for the 2008-2009 school year. Active-duty military parents assigned to the Fort Sam Houston installation, who are non-residents, can apply for their children to enroll in the district as transfer students in grades pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. All non-resident transfer students must provide their own transportation to and from school.

Transfer requests will be considered if:

- Certain criteria are met regarding grades, conduct and attendance;
- No additional personnel is

required; and

- Adequate classroom space is available at the grade level requested.

Students and their parents/guardians approved for a transfer are required to agree to the Administrative Guidelines and the Non-Resident Transfer Agreement. The following categories of students will be considered for transfer:

- Current transfer students will be given priority, provided their conduct, grades, and attendance have been acceptable during the current school year.
- Students whose active-duty parents are assigned to Fort Sam Houston and

have certification from Lincoln Military Housing that housing is available during the school year for which transfer is requested.

- Students who were resident students in the district, who have moved off-post, and whose parents remain on military active duty.

- Students who were resident students in the district, who have moved off post, and whose parents have retired from military active-duty.

- Students whose parents are active-duty military personnel assigned to the Fort Sam Houston installation and are not seeking certification for installation housing.

- Children of district employees.

Parents or guardians may obtain a Non-Resident Transfer Application from the District Administration Office or the campus beginning Monday. Applications can then be submitted to Kathy Hayson at the District Administration Office. For complete details and requirements of the transfer policy and administrative guidelines, visit the Fort Sam Houston ISD Web site at [www.fshisd.net](http://www.fshisd.net) or call Kathy Hayson at 368-8701.

Non-Resident Transfer Applications are not available on the Web site.

(Source: Fort Sam Houston Independent School District)

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Stonecipher, who won fifth place in the mile run; Shaquella Newby, who received second place in the 100 hurdles and fourth place in the 300 hurdles; and Nicole

Salazar, who received sixth place in discus.

The top three finishers in each event will move on to regional competition to be held April 25 and 26 at Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas.

## Fort Sam Houston Independent School District

### Weekly Campus Activities – Monday through April 18

#### Fort Sam Houston Elementary School

##### Wednesday

Fourth grade science field trip “Finally Fun Machines”

##### April 17

D.A.R.E. ceremony, 8:30 a.m.

Fourth grade science field trip “Let the Sun Shine In”

Family reading night, 5 p.m.

##### April 18

Spirit day

#### Robert G. Cole Middle and Sr. High School

##### Monday

Cougar Pride club meeting, 5 p.m.

##### Tuesday

National Librarian and Library Staff Day

Baseball at Hawkins, 4 p.m.

##### April 18

Baseball vs. Natalia at Cole, 4:30 p.m.

##### April 19

Junior/senior prom at Forest Waters Club, 8 p.m. to 12 a.m.

## SACU sponsors ‘Shred Day’ at Fort Sam

SAN ANTONIO – The San Antonio Federal Credit Union and community partners will sponsor the 6th Annual Shred Day April 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston branch, located at 2750 Stanley Road.

Military ID card holders are invited to bring up to 100 pounds per vehicle of sensitive documents for destruction. A truck from a commercial shredding company will destroy the documents on site, free of charge.

The true cost of one ID theft incident can amount to thousands of dollars in lost wages, lost time and actual dollars spent to correct the problem. The incident can affect a person’s



Courtesy photo

The “shred” truck, shown from a previous event, will shred sensitive documents for free April 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the San Antonio Federal Credit Union, located at 2750 Stanley Road.

credit for years. Take advantage of this free opportunity to

dispose of documents safely. The “confetti” made that day will keep sensitive information out of the hands of ID thieves and will instead become recycled paper products rather than going into over-burdened landfills.

This event is sponsored by SACU, Association of Records Managers and Administrators International of San Antonio, and the shred companies. Donations are welcome and will be given to Dress for Success in San Antonio. To find out locations and addresses of other branches involved, visit SACU’s Web site at

[www.sacu.com](http://www.sacu.com).  
(Source: SACU news release)

## Community

### Events

#### Cash-and-carry sale

The cash-and-carry sale of Non Appropriated Funds property will be held today and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Building 4192, Bay C, on a first-come, first-served basis; all sales are final. All property must be removed from the warehouse at the time of purchase. Cash and personal checks with picture ID will be accepted forms of payment. The following items will be on sale: TV armoires, night stands, dressers, tables, computer monitors, wall mirrors and more. For more information, call 221-4449 or 221-4950.

#### Cowboys for Heroes

Fort Sam Houston is hosting the third annual “Cowboys for Heroes” Friday from 7 to 10 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Come by the Equestrian Center for free “authentic cowboy food,” a Buffalo Soldier demonstration, free activities, horse rides and a free concert. For more information, call 221-3185.

#### Lackland Spring Fling

Lackland Air Force Base will hold the 37th Services Spring Fling Friday to Sunday. An adults-only program will be held Friday at the Gateway Club. The Lackland Youth Center will hold “Celebrate Kidz Fair” for the Month of the Military Child Saturday. The Skylark Aquatic Center will have an afternoon of free swimming including inner tube water polo and beach ball races with prizes Sunday. For more information on Spring Fling, visit the Lackland Services Web site at [www.lacklandservices.com](http://www.lacklandservices.com).

#### Story time at library

Ms. Jenny will be reading story books Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library. Stories will be read on spring, plant seed, and getting ready for spring. All ages are welcome. For more information, call 221-4702 or 221-4387.

#### Two-man golf tournament

The Gateway Hills Golf Course on Lackland Air Force Base will host a

Two-Man Modified Alternate Shot Tournament April 20. Great prizes such as Ping Putters, Titleist caps and balls, and Footjoy wind jackets will be awarded. The registration deadline is Wednesday. For more information, call 671-2517.

#### Military Officers Association of America Fiesta picnic

The Military Officers Association of America – Alamo Chapter will hold a Fiesta picnic April 23 at the Randolph Air Force Base Eberle Park. Entertainment will be provided by Amador Entertainment and Mariachi band and catering by the Bavarian Haus Restaurant. Cost of the picnic is \$20 per person; deadline for reservations is April 21 by 12 p.m. For more information, call the chapter office at 228-9955.

#### USO Canteen Dance

The United Services Organization San Antonio is hosting the 4th Annual USO Canteen Dance May 9 at the Omni San Antonio Hotel. The theme of the dance is the 1940s with music performance by the Sentimental Journey Orchestra. Tickets are \$50 each or a table of 10 is \$500. Ticket cost will include a free swing dance class at the USO, free hotel parking, hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Attendees are encouraged to wear 1940s period attire or coat and tie. For more information, call 227-9373, ext. 12 or visit [www.alamouso.org/events](http://www.alamouso.org/events).

#### Ride for Troops

The Ride for Troops committee will hold its 3rd Annual Charity Ride May 10 from 9 to 11 a.m. The event raises money for Fort Sam Houston's Fisher House. The ride begins at Caliente Harley Davidson and ends at Texas Pride Barbecue, Adkins, Texas. Pre-register by May 1 for \$15. After May 1 the registration fee will be \$20. For more information, e-mail [ride4troops@hotmail.com](mailto:ride4troops@hotmail.com).

#### Golf tournament

The 6th Annual Logistics Officers Association Golf Tournament, sponsored by Alamo LOA Chapter of San Antonio, will be held May 16 at 8 a.m. at the Golf Club of Texas,

13600 Briggs Ranch Road. The cost is \$50 per person and includes 18 holes, barbeque lunch, GPS cart and prizes. Officers, enlisted and civilians are welcome. Reservations are due by May 1. For more information or to register, call 1st Lt. Adrian Simental at 671-4155 or e-mail [Adrian.simental@lackland.af.mil](mailto:Adrian.simental@lackland.af.mil), [blair.brockinton@lackland.af.mil](mailto:blair.brockinton@lackland.af.mil) or [sarah.mcnair@lackland.af.mil](mailto:sarah.mcnair@lackland.af.mil).

#### Golf tournament

The 11th Annual “For the Soldier” Golf Tournament, sponsored by The Alamo Chapter-Association of the United States Army, will be held June 9 at 1 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. Sign up your team with an individual entry or sponsorship. For more information, call retired Command Sgt. Maj. Carlos Correa at 771-3514, e-mail [ccorrea1@satx.rr.com](mailto:ccorrea1@satx.rr.com) or register at [www.alamochapter-ausa.org](http://www.alamochapter-ausa.org).

#### 2008 Army Birthday Ball

The 2008 U.S. Army Birthday Ball will celebrate America's Army, the strength of the nation and 233 years of service. The U.S. Army Birthday Ball will be held June 14 at the Washington, D.C. Convention Center. The ball includes an elegant evening of dining, dancing and entertain-

ment. All Army members, Family members, Department of the Army civilians, retirees and veterans are invited. For more information, visit Army Knowledge Online 2008 Army Birthday Ball Registration at <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/137983>.

### Meetings

#### Warrant Officer Association meeting

The April meeting of the Lone Star Silver Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association will be held Saturday at the home of Randy Blackburn. All active duty, retired, Reserve, National Guard warrant officers and Family members of current or retired warrant officers are invited. For more information, or for time and directions, call Juan Gomez at 295-6596 or e-mail [juan.gomez@us.army.mil](mailto:juan.gomez@us.army.mil), or Suzan Farrell at 378-0422 or e-mail [suzan.farrell@us.army.mil](mailto:suzan.farrell@us.army.mil).

#### Spouses’ Club luncheon

The Spouses’ Club of the Fort Sam Houston area welcomes all spouses to join them for a Fiesta luncheon Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Sam Houston Club. Featured guest speaker Linda Skop will get everyone in a Fiesta mood. The cost is \$14 for

a fiesta buffet. Wear something fun for Fiesta. For more information or to reserve, call Sigrid Reitsstetter at 226-8806 by Friday.

#### Disabled American Veterans meeting

The Disabled American Veterans Alamo Chapter #5 and Auxiliary Unit 5 will hold its meeting April 19 at 10 a.m. at the Rolling Oaks Christian Church, 1750 Stahl Road, Loop 1604 at Nacogdoches Road behind Wal-Mart. For more information, call Cmdr. Albert Erazo at 651-7303, Adjutant Duke Hendershot at 830-624-1949 or visit [www.davalmo5.org](http://www.davalmo5.org).

#### Retired Officers’ Wives’ and Widows’ luncheon

The Retired Officers’ Wives’ and Widows’ luncheon will held April 22 at 11 a.m. at the Sam Houston Club. Olga Davis will present a fun program about “Things My Mother Told Me.” For more information or reservations, call Arline at 822-6559.

#### NCO Wives Club

The Fort Sam Houston Noncommissioned Officers’ Wives Club invites all spouses to join them the first Tuesday of the month at 10

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# For Sale Fort Freebies

## Submission guidelines:

Freebies are published on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline is close of business Friday. Freebies are intended for personal household goods, and may only be submitted by active, retired or reserve military members and civilian employees working on Fort Sam Houston. Real estate ads will not be published. To submit a Fort Freebie, e-mail [news.leader@conus.army.mil](mailto:news.leader@conus.army.mil) or fax to 221-1198. Freebies run for one week unless submitter calls to renew. Limit of five items per entry. For more information, call 221-0546.

**For Sale:** New Nintendo Wii sports console with two year warranty, \$300; Winnie the Pooh stroller and car seat travel system, blue, \$60. Call 896-8563.

**For Sale:** 2000 Ford Explorer, Eddie Bauer Edition, half-ton, with all the extras, power sunroof, leather, grill guard and more, 117K miles, one owner, clean, \$7,995 obo. Call 380-4245.

**For Sale:** 2006 Suzuki Boulevard S-40, 650 cc Cruiser, garage kept, under 800 miles, \$3,500 obo. Call 545-2067.

**For Sale:** 1992 Cadillac Deville, \$500 obo. Call 532-3740.

**For Sale:** Men's suits, jacket, size 44; pants, 35 waist, \$40 each or three for \$100. Call 744-5627.

**For Sale:** Lots of large plants; handmade solid cherry heirloom cradle, \$200; five-gallon aquarium with

accessories and fish, \$30, Artillery Post Road. Call 370-3123.

**For Sale:** IPFU/PT uniforms, two large long sleeve and five large short sleeve shirts, \$5 each; two large, two XXL, one XL shorts, \$6 each; pants, two large regular, one XXL regular, \$15 each; jackets, two large regular, \$25 each. Call 653-7769 or e-mail [AnArmyFamily2000@yahoo.com](mailto:AnArmyFamily2000@yahoo.com).

**For Sale:** Entertainment table with shelves and doors; new, \$90; living room set, sofa with two chairs, highest quality, elegant, must see to appreciate, \$900; Czechoslovakian chinaware, \$900; living room coffee table, steel with deco side and glass top, new, \$75; side-by-side refrigerator, 25 cubic feet, white, \$500. Call 592-1013.

**For Sale:** Evenflo twin stroller, \$65; Evenflo baby back pack, \$35; small bike, \$10; Cosco toddler car

seat with attachments, \$25; solid oak desk, \$45. Call 633-2247.

**For Sale:** White wicker trunk, \$45; white wicker night stand, \$35; white wicker chaise with cushion, \$75; used golf clubs, irons 3-PW and putter, \$60. Call 697-9261 or 363-4056.

**For Sale:** Pure bred Chihuahua puppy, male, 10 weeks old, first shots and health exam, no papers, includes carrier, bed and toys, \$200 obo. Call 541-5624.

**For Sale:** Female Shitzu, \$275; tent, \$75; bookcase/entertainment center, \$95; computer desk, u-shaped, \$75; Boston terrier, male, 2-and-half years old, \$275. Call 633-3859.

**For Sale:** Table with six chairs, \$50; two antique bicycles, \$10 each; queen-size headboard, \$10; lawnmower, \$30; boat troller, \$40. Call 646-6563.

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a.m. at the Sam Houston Club. For more information, call Angie Luna at 333-0821 or 386-8265.

## Training

### College program for vets with disabilities

Syracuse University leads a new national partnership of four major universities to support veterans with disabilities. The consortium will replicate an innovative SU program that provides post-9/11 veterans disabled in Iraq and Afghanistan training — at no cost — in entrepreneurship and small business management. Applications for the EBV are now being accepted. There is no application deadline; admission is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information or to apply, call the Dean's Office in the Whitman School of Management at 315-443-8736, e-mail [EBVinfo@syr.edu](mailto:EBVinfo@syr.edu) or visit <http://whitman.syr.edu/ebv>.

## Volunteer

### Harris Heights clean-up

Harris Heights will have Operation Pick-It-Up Saturday

at 2 p.m. at the Harris Heights Community Center to collect bags and gloves to clean up the neighborhood. All ages are welcome and refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Jenny at 437-2788 or e-mail [jen-nykor@aol.com](mailto:jen-nykor@aol.com).

### Pediatric dental patients needed

The Department of Pediatric Dentistry at Lackland Air Force Base is seeking patients with general dentistry needs. The patients must be between the ages of 6 to 10 years old and eligible military beneficiaries. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Dianet Santos at 292-4072.

### Seeking Orthodontic patients

The Tri-Service Orthodontic Residency Program is seeking eligible military/retiree beneficiaries ages 10 to 16 not on United Concordia Dental Insurance. Potential patients for the residency must be in good dental health with excellent oral hygiene in order to qualify for comprehensive orthodontics (braces). The program's goal is to get as many patients in for evaluations as possible in order to choose the best cases for training. For more information, e-mail [Karen.Buttry@lackland.af.mil](mailto:Karen.Buttry@lackland.af.mil) with rank/name of sponsor, last four of Social Security number, child's name and age, and two good contact phone numbers.